

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A shaft has a shank with a splined portion and a large diameter portion formed in an outer peripheral surface of the shank, the large diameter portion having a diameter that is larger than a diameter of an external periphery of the splined portion. A tapered portion 5 is provided at a side surface of the large diameter portion on the splined portion side. This tapered portion stops a fitting member that is fitted onto the splined portion. In addition, a cut back portion formed at an end portion of the splined portion at the large diameter portion side and the tapered portion are interposed by and continuously connected by a first curved portion, a flat portion and a second curved portion.